

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: N/A

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR APPROPRIATE STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, AND IF AWARDED PERMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE 2002 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Dialogic Communication Corporation is funding the DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant to law enforcement agencies. This Grant will provide The Communicator, a high speed notification system along with GIS (digital mapping), telephone data bases and a software link to DCC's Hosting Center. This is a security grant and there is no local cost share or match requirement.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? No local cost share or match requirement necessary.

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account Name:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve this resolution

Attachment(s):

Resolution
Grant Application

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR APPROPRIATE STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, AND IF AWARDED PERMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE 2002 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Dialogic Communication Corporation is funding the DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant to law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant will provide The Communicator, a high speed notification system along with GIS (digital mapping), telephone data bases and a software link to DCC's Hosting Center; and

WHEREAS, this is a security grant and there is no local cost share or match requirement by the DCC 2002 Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Davie that the Police Department apply for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby approves the Mayor, Town Administrator and/or appropriate staff to submit an application and if awarded, permission to accept grant funding under the DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant program with no local cost share or match requirement.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002



Dear Potential Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2002 Homeland Security Grant Program from DCC (Dialogic Communication Corporation). Through this program, we will award DCC's highly acclaimed notification solutions, completely free of charge, to three deserving first responder organizations.

As you probably know by now, DCC is the industry leader in high-speed notification technology, whether for public safety organizations or for the general public. Please see the enclosed overview for more information. In light of past success and the tragic events of September 11, 2002, we are very pleased to conduct the DCC grant program for a second year, and to even expand it. While helping to satisfy the increasing need for fast and efficient notification, the grant program also allows us to learn even more about our customers' needs – particularly important as demands intensify to protect the homeland.

For your convenience, we have streamlined the application process, making it even easier to apply for the 2002 DCC grant. You will find that the information requested by the company is similar to that required by state and federal funding agencies. Because these applications are so similar, we encourage you to revise your template and to submit it to other funding sources for consideration as well. (DCC can provide information on other funding sources if needed).

Again, thanks for your interest in DCC's 2002 Homeland Security Grant Program. If you have any questions, feel free to call my office at (800) 684-4717 or email me at rick.wimberly@dccusa.com. We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

Rick Wimberly
Director of Homeland Security/Public Safety

DCC's 2002 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Award

The DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant recipients will receive the company's flagship product, The Communicator™ high-speed notification system, along with a GIS (digital mapping) call-out interface and connectivity to DCC's off-site notification service, located in its state-of-the-art Hosting Center, Franklin, Tennessee. These combined DCC solutions provide incident-specific information to response personnel within a specific group; inform and alert citizens or organizations within a geographical area based on digitized maps; and/or contact groups of organizations or teams meeting certain criteria. The following items will be provided to each of the awardees:

- The Communicator: DCC's highly-acclaimed high-speed notification system, as used by over 1000 of the country's most demanding organizations
- GIS digital mapping interface, allowing easily activated call-outs to local communities through simple point-and-click
- Community telephone data from commercial sources (Grant recipients can provide telephone databases if desired)
- Integration of awardee-supplied locally produced digital maps (DCC can provide commercial-source maps if locally produced maps are not available).
- Software link to DCC's large Hosting Center. Grant recipients may use existing PCs. (Internet connectivity is required)
- Allocation of up to 25,000 telephone calls within 12-month period. (Grant recipients will not be required to provide dedicated telephone lines.) DCC will cover expenses, including toll charges, of up to 25,000 calls. Any calls in excess of this amount will be charged at a rate of 15 cents per call. At the end of the 12-month period, the service can be extended for a nominal charge, or an on-site system can be obtained at a discounted price.
- Three day training session at DCC headquarters for two people at no charge. (Grant recipients must pay travel/accommodation expenses to Nashville, TN)
- 24/7 Customer Support for a one-year period

Applicant Eligibility

The DCC 2002 Homeland Security Grant Program is open to all city and county fire, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies operating in the United States (including colleges and universities). Applicants are encouraged to submit applications that present a plan for taking advantage of DCC's ability to share systems among organizations, either within jurisdictions or among jurisdictions.

Three grants will be awarded – one each to applicants that serve populations of:

- (1) less than 100,000
- (2) 100,000 to 1,000,000
- (3) more than 1,000,000

The grants will be awarded for DCC's off-site Hosting capabilities, which provide the same functionality as DCC's on-site solutions, but no requirement for local telephone lines. Grant recipients will be allocated 25,000 calls each per year. (Additional calls can be made at a charge of 15-cents per call).

Grant recipients will be chosen by a committee made up of representatives of first responder organizations, a DCC representative and a professional grant consultant.

Applicants must include in their proposal a signed statement that they will meet the acceptance terms of the award as outlined by DCC. The system must be accepted and installed within 90 days of award notification.

Terms of Acceptance

The recipient of this award must agree to have The Communicator™ high-speed notification system, and the GIS component installed and training provided within 60 days of award notification. The recipient must also agree to act as a DCC product reference for a period of two years; and to complete quarterly reports as outlined by DCC for a period of one year.

DCC reserves the right to use the recipient's name and quotes regarding system usage in promotional materials and press releases.

Selection and Review Criteria

DCC is looking for applicants to demonstrate that they have the infrastructure in place that will allow them to install and use DCC technology to its full capacity. Staff must be willing and eager to accept and use the technology. The winning proposal will reflect a well thought out approach to integrating DCC's notification solutions into current operations, as well as include innovative uses of the technology. Applicants must clearly define problem areas that can be addressed.

Composition of Review Committee

The Review Committee will be comprised of five diverse individuals, including:

- Four representatives of first responder organizations, representing various disciplines
- DCC's Director of Public Safety/Homeland Security
- An outside grant consultant.

Each committee member will have an equal vote, and will use the established scoring guidelines to grade proposals and make award recommendations.

1) Agency Overview and Problem Statement:

The Town of Davie Police Department is a 240 member organization with 175 sworn law enforcement officers that serve a diverse social, economic and educational community. The Town of Davie is home to 80,000 permanent residents, 20,000 seasonal residents and a daily transient population that exceeds 200,000 students, visitors and employees of hundreds of businesses that call the Town of Davie Home.

The Town of Davie is home to the South Florida Educational Center, the largest educational complex in the south Florida area. Five Universities, two colleges, two high schools, two middle schools, six elementary schools and eight private sectarian and non-sectarian schools have campuses in Davie. Nova Southeastern University, the Town's largest educational institution, has a daily enrollment of 40,000 students and faculty members. The Miami Dolphins training camp also calls Davie home. The training camp located on the NSU campus is a draw for residents, fans and tourists alike.

The Town of Davie's economic strength is driven by its central location to the metropolitan Fort Lauderdale area. Over 1.5 million residents call Broward County home; the Town of Davie is the crossroads for commerce and transportation that serves the Broward County area. Davie is located minutes from the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades. Two expressways and the Florida Turnpike traverse through Davie and provide major thoroughfares that connect Broward County and Miami Dade County, the hub for Latin American trade.

2) Approach and Innovation:

The Town of Davie Police Department in cooperation with local business owners, crime watch organizations, educational institutions and other concerned citizens would foster a cooperative plan to accept and react to criminal events or emergencies that occurred within the town. A great emphasis would be placed on the location and recovery of missing and/or exploded children. The information disseminated to participants would be immediate, comprehensive and collaborative from informational sources. The report of a missing child from one of our many educational complexes, within the town, would activate the DCC system immediately to notify and inform participants that a child is/was or that children were missing. The network of participants working in tandem with the Police Departments Community Affairs unit would provide training to identify and interpret suspicious activity. The network of participants would be encouraged to channel information to patrol officers and detectives in an effort to recover and reunite missing children with their families.

The DCC system would be especially helpful throughout our vast school system. The Baudin Oral School for Autistic Children runs a grave risk of emotionally and challenged children becoming displaced from the school environment. Three state facilities for the mentally handicapped call upon and rely upon the police department to assist them in locating missing residents. Two privately run homes for the mentally and emotionally challenged depend upon our prompt response when one of their clients are disoriented and lost in the community in their attempts to teach them to become independent citizens. The immediate notification of local citizens would enhance and hopefully insure a safe return for the child or others in need.

The DCC system would be utilized for emergency notification of residents and participants, should the need arise from a natural or manmade disaster. The Town of Davie has several large industrial complexes located within its jurisdiction. The industrial facilities harbor potentially lethal chemicals in their inventories. These chemicals range from ammonia for freezing capabilities at an ice making plant to a natural gas storage compound. The Town of Davie is also located at the approach end of the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport. These industrial sites coupled with our proximity to the airport and expansive intrastate road system makes Davie a potential target for a domestic terror incident. The DCC system would aid our agency in the resolve of a potential disaster.

In the latter part of 2000, an ammonia leak occurred at one of our industrial sites. The DCC system would have aided in DEALING WITH the peril that followed when residents in the area were overcome by leaking ammonia and perished as a result. The DCC system may have provided the critical time we needed to warn the residents in the area. A task we were forced to suspend while waiting for protective equipment from the fire department.

The need for immediate notification is enhanced by the likelihood of a terrorist presence or activity occurring in the Town of Davie due to its proximity to possibly terrorist targets. The Town of Davie recognizes the benefits of the DCC system in its efforts to protect and notify the citizens, but currently lack the funding for such a system.

3) Infrastructure:

The Davie Police Department is committed to providing the public and its employees with the finest most up to date service and equipment available within our budgetary constraints. The Davie Police Department recently moved into a new police facility. The Chief of Police and Town Administrator are committed to finding and employing the resources available to provide a sound safe environment for the town's constituency.

The building is constructed of solid poured concrete walls and roof system to ensure is resiliency during a hurricane or other natural weather phenomenon. The electronic infrastructure was designed to exceed our current needs factoring in future growth of the community and organization. The department is run and supported by 100 desktop computers, 180 laptop computers connected via wireless modems connected to a centralized server for report writing, FCIC/NCIC query computer system and a two line primary ISD telephone system with 202 extensions communications system. The Davie Police Department has committed to address, maintain and update our communications and technology needs.

4) Partnership:

The Town of Davie Police Department works closely with the community, employing a community based policing philosophy. The Town is divided into two districts and officers assigned to those districts are charged with identifying and solving issues that concern the town's constituency.

The Police Departments Community Affairs Unit works closely with homeowner associations and crime watch chapters to aid in fostering cooperation between the police department and residents. The Davie Police Department employs six full time school resource officers at the local schools; four full time officers patrol the universities and colleges in the town. One full time police officer and one full time police service aide head the department's crime prevention bureau to work with business owners in an attempt to thwart and reduce criminal activity.

The community as a whole would benefit from the DCC system through a multi pronged approach: Community participants would be notified immediately of criminal activity in their vicinity. Children who might fall victim to unscrupulous individuals would have their information broadcast instantaneously to participants in the DCC program.

5) Need:

The Town of Davie is unique to many communities in regards to the land area the police department services and the multicultural community we serve. The Town of Davie although geographically centered in Broward County Florida, encompasses some 54 square miles. The large area, while well patrolled, posses several unique problems with regards to blanket coverage in the event of a missing child. The DCC system would enhance our efforts to effectively and immediately locate and recover missing children. With time being of the

essence, the DCC system would allow the police department to free up essential personnel from the arduous task of emergency notification instead making notifications via the network of participants. The DCC system would provide an instantaneous tool to reach communities where the need existed for information dissemination. The enhanced communications capabilities DCC provides would be beneficial to all involved.

